

WILSON PLAYS LAW TO AVOID STRIKE

Troops of 3 States Are Ordered Here

GUARDSMEN ENTRAIN SOON

Thousands More Militia To Be Added To Thousands Already at El Paso.

TRUCKS FOR NEW GUNS ON BORDER

115 Machine Gun Motor Trucks at San Antonio, 250 in All Ordered.

Another Brigadier in Camp Stewart



TEXAS IS ON CASH BASIS

Sept. 1 There Will Be \$3,000,000 in Treasury; Schools Have Million.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 28.—Appropriations aggregating approximately \$7,600,000 for the support of the state government for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, will become available on September 1, 1916. This includes appropriations for the salaries of 81 district judges, and judges of the nine courts of civil appeals, the state eleemosynary and educational institutions, and a number of other purposes, and bureaus and departments of the state. In many of the departments deficiencies have been created, but on the whole the appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1916, have held up fairly well.

Starts Year on Cash Basis.

For the first time in a number of years, the state will start the new fiscal year on a firm cash basis and with no indications of any deficiency. There will be on the first of September over \$3,000,000 in cash in the state treasury to the credit of general revenue, and the available school fund will have come to \$1,000,000 to its credit. This \$1,000,000 will be ample to carry on the state's business until next January, when 1917 taxes will be pouring into the treasury department from tax collection. Despite the fact that the state's ad valorem tax rate has been reduced from 20 to 25 cents on the \$100 property valuation it is estimated there will be more than sufficient revenue to meet all obligations as they become due.

School Fund Has \$1,000,000.

With at least \$1,000,000 to the credit of the available school fund it will be possible for an appropriation to be made in September of not less than 75 cents per capita of schoolchildren, based on 1,340,000 schoolchildren. The annual per capita appropriation is \$7 this year. Because of a deficit in the available school fund, it was impossible to make any appropriation at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES MUST SELL BONDS AT PAR VALUE

Austin, Texas, Aug. 28.—Answering a question submitted by W. L. Davidson, county attorney of Fort Bend county, it is held by the attorney general's department in an opinion written by assistant attorney general W. M. Harris that the bonds of trustees of common school districts have power to contract for such districts in the sale of bonds, but that the bonds of a common school district cannot be sold for less than their face value and accrued interest.

It was also held that a contract for the sale of such school bonds for less than par and accrued interest would be unlawful and unenforceable and a failure of such district trustees to comply with such a contract would involve no personal liability on their part.

CHARGE THREE WITH PLOTTING TO KIDNAP HARRIMAN BOY

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 28.—Mark A. Lufkin, Davis McJoy and Ralph Cassel, who were arrested at St. Anthony, Mo., on charges of plotting to kidnap Roland Harriman, the 15 year old son of Mrs. E. H. Harriman, widow of the railroad king, and hold him for ransom in the fastnesses of the Idaho mountains.

Mrs. Harriman and Roland were on their way to their ranch at the head of Snake river about August 18, but postponed their western visit because of the threatened railroad strike.

DIRECTS ATTACK ON AUSTRIA FIRST

Declaration of War is Bucharest's Announcement of End of Neutrality.

BULGARIA MAY BEAR THE BRUNT

Italy Declares War Against Germany, Who is Aroused By Developments.

Berlin, Germany, Aug. 28.—Germany has declared war on Rumania as an act resultant upon Rumania's having declared war on Austria-Hungary. Bulgaria is now expected to declare war on Rumania.

Rumania has entered the war with the entente allies. Official announcement is made that the existence of a state of war with Austria-Hungary was proclaimed in Bucharest Sunday evening. An indication that Rumania moved in accordance with a pre-determined plan of the entente allies is found in the fact that her declaration of war was made on the same day as Italy's declaration against Germany.

The official announcement from Berlin adds the information that on receipt of the news of Rumania's action the federal council was called for an immediate session. This may forecast a declaration of war by Germany against Rumania.

Fighting Is Commenced.

Fighting has begun between Rumanian and Teutonic troops on the Transylvania frontier, the official announcement of today indicates. The statement says Rumanians have been taken prisoner.

Italy's Action No Surprise.

Italy's action Sunday in declaring war against Germany was forecast recently when Italy denounced the treaty existing between Italy and Germany guaranteeing the safety of each other's subjects and their property. Italy then claimed Germany was violating the treaty. The declaration of war by Italy will make easier operations of Italian troops against Germans on the Macedonia and possibly the western front.

Bulgaria To Bear the Brunt.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 28.—Many general staff officers believe Bulgaria will be called upon to bear the brunt of the attack of Rumania upon Austria-Hungary. According to war department information, Rumania has war supplies to last four months. The entire equipment of the Rumanian army, unless changed recently, is of German manufacture, which may make the supply problem difficult for the allies. The only known route for furnishing munitions is by way of Russia.

Hard Bulgarian Drive Predicted.

It has been recognized that Austria has been busy for months preparing her defenses along the Rumanian lines, aided by field marshal von Mackensen (Continued on page 2, Col. 1.)

TWO KILLED BY MINE EXPLOSION

Santa Rita Americans Meet Horrible Death When Delayed Shot Explodes.

Silver City, N. M., Aug. 28.—Two were killed Saturday night at Santa Rita by the premature explosion of a blast in a shaft which was being sunk on the edge of the camp.

W. T. Porter was so badly injured that he died Sunday afternoon and A. E. Butcher died at 4 o'clock, having been terribly mangled by the force of the explosion.

The blasts were placed and the men exploded them. It was thought that all had exploded but, when the two Americans went to investigate, another charge exploded and the men were standing directly over it, their bodies being horribly torn by the rocks thrown up by the blast.

They were hurried to the company hospital but there was little hope of saving their lives and death relieved their sufferings Sunday afternoon.

Both men were well known in the camp and there was universal mourning throughout the camp. The ball game scheduled for Sunday afternoon was scaled off and the camp will close to attend the double funeral for the two blast victims.

2 BANDITS ROB STANDARD OIL

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 28.—Two automobile bandits held up a Standard Oil collection wagon near Dearborn, a suburb, this afternoon and escaped with \$4000 according to police reports.

STOLEN FANCY STUFF FOUND IN ROOM; MAN ARRESTED

Sets of embroidered initials on sleeves of shirts and the legs of socks stolen from the room of J. Aroon, in the Madison hotel, Saturday night, led to his recovery Sunday afternoon by city detectives. The clothing was found in possession of a man giving the name of W. Morris, who stated that they had been left in his room by another man, and that he had not found them. The robbery occurred during the absence of Aroon from his room Saturday night. He reported the affair to the city detectives, who, after working an hour, found the apparel in the possession of Morris, who was arrested.

ABANDONED CAR DISCLAIMED BY MAN WHOSE NUMBER IT BEARS

Automobile bearing license number 4714, El Paso county, apparently abandoned, was found by justice James J. Murphy Monday morning about two and a half miles beyond Ft. Bliss in a small ravine, where it had evidently been concealed. The license number of the car, according to files in the county clerk's office, was issued to J. E. Kilburn, of this city. Mr. Kilburn stated that the car did not belong to him, however, and efforts are being made to locate the owner. The car had evidently been abandoned for several days.

NEW TREATY TO HELP PARAGUAY

Limited Free Trade With Argentine Secured; Argentine Makes Treaty.

Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, Aug. 28.—During the recent centenary celebration a new commercial treaty between Argentina and Paraguay was ratified. Though the transaction may be considered of little importance from the economic point of view, since the present interchange of commodities between the countries is relatively unimportant, its probable significance is great for it may mark what some believe will be the orientation of the two Latin republics toward a future Zollverein or customs union.

The treaty provides for free trade in natural products for a period of ten years. For manufactured articles these facilities are withheld until five years after the ratification. This clause was inserted in the interests of small manufacturers.

Treaty Outgrowth of Sentiment.

The treaty had its rise in sentiment. Ever since the war between Paraguay and the Allies (Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay) the vanquished have had to struggle against adverse circumstances. The manhood of Paraguay was literally wiped out of existence before the allies were able to impose peace. The country was, in fact, financially and completely ruined. Civil wars succeeded war, and with very brief intervals political commotions and military revolts have been maintained ever since. Though at peace for six years and well governed, the situation in Paraguay is still precarious to a degree, the paper currency having depreciated to an almost incredible extent. Its purchasing power is practically nil. Fluctuations are so frequent that speculation on the rate of exchange has become a veritable gamble, as it was in Argentina before the monetary problem was solved 15 years ago, when the paper unit was given a definite gold basis.

Also Worthy of Note in the Treaty of Peace and Arbitration with Spain.

signed on the ninth of July, the date upon which the hundred years before the Argentine republic was founded, the Argentine and Spanish relations with the mother country, broken, non-existent and void. The Spanish legation was on the following day raised to the dignity of an embassy, the United States and Spain being the only two countries thus represented before the Argentine legation in Madrid will soon experience an identical augmentation of dignity, and thus the last vestige of the old quarrel will have disappeared.

What Spain failed to maintain by force of arms she bids fair to accomplish by the influence of Spain's arguments in Argentina, the war having done little to annihilate temporarily at least, the Argentine competition. The Spaniards resident in the republic is larger than generally believed. There is little or nothing to distinguish them from the Argentines proper. As a community they have their own clubs and interests, but in other respects are completely free in the social and commercial life of the republic in which they hold an immense stake.

Infantile Paralysis Is Cause of Four Year Old Smoking 4 Cigars Daily

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 28.—Recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis, Charles Edwards, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Edwards, has developed an unusual liking for tobacco.

The boy insisted on smoking a cigar on the streets of Newbern, where he was taken for treatment. His parents declare he consumes four cigars a day.

UNION LABOR TO CELEBRATE LABOR DAY WITH PARADE

Definite plans for the celebration of Labor day, to include a parade in the morning and exercises at Washington park in the afternoon, will be made at a meeting of the delegates to the Central Labor union Monday night.

Plans for the parade have already been drawn to include every branch of organized labor in the city, and the work of preparing a program of amusements to be held at Washington park will be taken up. Already the Central Labor body has petitioned the city council to remove the license on jitney vehicles on Labor day, but no definite action has been taken as yet.

Meeting at a designated point in the city, members of the different unions will march through the residence district beginning at 9:20 o'clock on Labor day morning. A marshal has not yet been appointed for the parade, but the definite lineup and the selection of officials will be made tonight. A feature of the parade will be the new branch of the Annual Labor Association of Street and Railway employees, composed of the street car strikers.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS FLOCK INTO KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 28.—Veterans of the civil war flocked into Kansas City today to attend the 50th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Coincident with the opening of the various departmental headquarters today, campaigns were launched for several candidates who wish to succeed Capt. Elias R. Moutfort, of Cincinnati as commander in chief of the army.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—National guard troops of Ohio, Kentucky and Vermont, now in their mobilization camps, were today ordered to the Mexican border. It is understood all will be stationed at El Paso. The time for entraining has not been made public. These troops were recently ordered to make ready to entrain, but the order was canceled because of the menace of the railroad strike situation. With practical assurance, however, that adequate transportation will, in any event, be maintained for furnish supplies to the border forces, the war department is understood to be prepared to go ahead with its previous plans.

Camp has been prepared at El Paso for 30 regiments in addition to the troops already there. Brig. Gen. Charles G. Morton, assigned to command the Tenth division, is in El Paso awaiting the arrival of his troops.

Machine Gun Trucks at Border

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 28.—The first consignment of motor trucks upon which to mount the Lewis machine gun arrived at the United States border here. It consists of 115 trucks in 13 cars, and the order calls for something over 250 trucks to be used for this purpose. The army has more than 200 of these machine guns, nearly all of which have been sent to the southern department and distributed among the troops along the border and in Mexico.

The Lewis gun is considered in army circles the most highly improved ordnance of its kind yet devised, and far superior to the old type of machine guns now in use in the army. It is declared not to be one of the "day-light" guns found so ineffective at Columbus when Villa raided the town. Considerable interest has been aroused here by an announcement that the First Ohio brigade, three regiments, has received orders to proceed from the state mobilization camp to El Paso, Texas, to unite with the Michigan troops in forming a new division. The date of entrainment has not been made public.

OHIO BRIGADE IS COMING HERE

Ohio Troops Will Be Joined With Michiganders to Form a Division.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 28.—Orders for the First Ohio brigade to entrain for El Paso are said to be in possession of the commandant at Camp Willis. The brigade comprises the Fourth, Fifth and Eighth regiments.

The Ohio troops will be merged with the Michigan troops at El Paso, to form the 11th United States army division, according to the unofficial statement concerning the orders.

Camping grounds for 12 additional regiments of the national guard have been built in the vicinity of Fort Bliss during the past two weeks. These are to be for the Ohio, Kentucky and Vermont troops.

The proposed encampment of the ninth division, which includes Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, is now complete and ready for occupation with the exception of water connections, which can be made at a moment's notice, and the mess buildings, the lumber and bricks for which are on the grounds. The South Carolina infantry is now in camp there.

The new encampment is being built on the vacant lots near Richmond Turnout, and so far, encampment facilities will accommodate six full regiments of infantry.

Every camp has been surveyed and laid off into company streets. The camping grounds are covered with cactus, brush and weeds but a day's work will rid the grounds of these. Mess houses and latrines are being prepared.

CANCELS EVERY ADVANCED RATE

Texas Railroad Commission Cancels Those Granted at Hearings Last Year

Austin, Texas, Aug. 28.—The railroad commission today threw a bomb of considerable proportion into the camp of the Texas railroads when it issued an order canceling, effective September 1 every advanced rate which had been granted to the railroads, as a result of the advanced freight rate hearing held last year. This action was taken by the commission in retaliation of the action of the railroads in deciding to ignore the Texas rate and complying with the decision of the interstate commerce commission as set out in the Shreveport rate case. The order issued today is signed by all three members of the commission.

Answers Railroad's Hopes.

At the recent conference held here of the traffic and freight men in the railroads, it was decided that the Texas rates would be ignored and that the interstate rates would apply, which, in many instances are higher than the Texas rates. Chairman Mayfield said soon afterward that he would probably have an answer to make to this action, and today's sweeping order is the answer.

Considers Applications Long Time.

The commission spent nearly a year in considering the application of the railroads for a general advance in freight rates, and as a result the commission advanced practically class and commodity rates, in some instances the advance being about 15 percent. Now, all this advance is canceled. The commission's order concludes:

"It is further ordered that all tariffs and orders that were superseded by the tariffs and orders hereby canceled, be and the same are hereby reinstated."

Old Tariff Rates Reinstated.

The order that the old tariff rates in effect before the hearing are put back in force and effect. Today's order cancels and applies on all commodities involved.

MAN ACCUSES NEGRO WOMAN OF ROBBING HIM OF \$12

Catherine Towns, a negro woman, was arrested Saturday night on complaint of James T. Turner, that she had taken over \$12 from his pocket. The woman is being held pending an investigation of the case. Turner will appear in police court as plaintiff in the case when she is arraigned this afternoon.

GOVERNOR DEFERS STARTING TO COLORADO TWO DAYS

Austin, Texas, Aug. 28.—Governor Ferguson today deferred until Wednesday his departure for Colorado, where he expects to spend a few weeks with his family. During his absence lieutenant governor W. P. Hobbs will be acting governor.

ECHO OF FIGHTING IN AFRICA



DESTROYED GERMAN GUN.

THIS 4.1 inch gun was destroyed by the Germans in East Africa before their retreat on Moshi. It was sacrificed because of the pressing advance of the forces under General Smut in that vicinity. It was a naval gun, which had been transported to a land carriage in an effort to stop the advancing British.

Adjournment of Congress is Indefinitely Postponed Because of Crisis.

DEADLOCK IS TO BE BROKEN

Delay Granting 8-hour Plan, Pass Law Like Canada's is Wilson's Idea.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon after a conference with the railway executives, president Wilson went to the capitol again to confer with the Democratic steering committee of senators to discuss his proposed new plan to avoid a railroad strike.

Senator Newlands went to the capitol with tentative drafts of the proposed legislation and conferred with senator Cummings, one of the Progressive Republican leaders and a member of the interstate commerce committee. Senators advised of the legislative proposals brought to the capitol by senator Newlands said they included provisions that there should be no wage increases without first submitting them to the interstate commerce commission and that authorization should be given the commission to grant an increase in railroad rates corresponding to any increase in cost that might be determined upon. It also provides enlargement of the interstate commerce commission to nine members.

Wilson's Plan Outlined.

President Wilson's plan for breaking the deadlock between the railroads and their employees, as discussed in conference with congressional leaders today, was as follows:

1. An eight hour law for railroads, to become effective at a date far enough in the future to give the railroads opportunity to prepare for it.
2. A law patterned after the Canadian act, which creates a commission of investigation and prevents lockouts or strikes while an industrial dispute is being investigated.

This plan was discussed by the president with his party leaders in congress as the basis for the next step after the railroad managers have this afternoon formally announced their refusal to accept the plan of settlement the president previously proposed.

Hope of Adjournment Gone.

Meanwhile congressional leaders gave up hope of adjournment this week and settled down to stay here as long as necessary to provide legislation to meet the strike situation. Senator Newlands and commissioner Chambers of the federal mediation board, conferred today with acting attorney general Todd about the legislative program, but all denied that any legislation for preventing a strike had been discussed.

Wilson Plans Legislation.

While the president has not finally given up hope of bringing about an agreement through direct negotiations, he is going forward with his preparation for taking his plan for legislation before congress.

Up to the present the railroad executives have based their objections to the president's plan on the ground that the entire controversy should be submitted to arbitration.

May Reveal All Negotiations.

It was understood today that many proposals of different forms have been presented to the railway executives through the white house, but that they have all been met with the statement that the railroads stood for arbitration of the whole controversy.

If all the negotiations fail and the president goes before congress probably tomorrow or Wednesday, it is said he will reveal the details of all the (Continued on page 3, Col. 1.)

DEAR MR. KABBIBLE,
A YOUNG MAN CALLING ON ME
HAS NOT GIVEN ME HIS
PHOTOGRAPH—WHAT CAN THE
REASON BE?
—GERTRUDE SEIBERT
1906
MAYBE HE ONLY HAD ONE TAKEN
IN HIS LIFE—AND THATS GOT
A NUMBER ON IT!
1908